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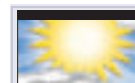
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# Doc crisis to worsen, expert says

More family physicians needed to offset 4M without care: Local MD

By KRISTA SYLVESTER  
Metro Calgary

A local doctor's association isn't surprised with the growing number of Canadians without family doctors, saying the problem is "only going to get worse" in Calgary.

Statistics Canada released a report yesterday stating the majority of the four million Canadians who don't have a regular family physician turn to walk-in clinics for medical treatment.

The former president of the Calgary and Area Physicians Association (CAPA) and current board member Dr. Glenn Comm told Metro the numbers are a grim reality in today's medical world.

"It's definitely concerning to us because a walk-in clinic is episodic treatment, there is really no continuity and they are just treating the

presenting problem," Comm said. "Patients need someone who knows them."

The survey conducted on four million Canadians showed 3.3 million, or 78 per cent, had to use alternatives to family doctors.

And while Comm isn't surprised by the numbers, he is concerned with the disturbing trend.

"Unfortunately, the problem is only going to get worse.

We knew it was an issue. We need more family doctors," he added.

Even those who had family doctors for years are running into problems keeping them, including mother of two Sherry Matthews, who was told to find a new family doctor.

"She said because I hadn't been there in a couple years so I wasn't allowed to come back to the office. They thought I had been going somewhere else. I just haven't been sick," she told Metro, adding she has found a walk-in clinic to visit from now on.

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«... a walk-in clinic is episodic treatment, there is really no continuity and they are just treating the presenting problem.»

Dr. Glenn Comm



## Olympic farewell

Two-time Olympic alpine skier Allison Forsyth bid an emotional farewell to the sport yesterday, citing a nagging knee injury suffered in a training run at the 2006 Turin Olympics as the reason for her departure. Story, page 4.

## Parents' Net smarts credited for arrest

By KRISTA SYLVESTER  
Metro Calgary

Authorities are crediting diligent parents in regards to charges laid against a 51-year-old Airdrie man trying to lure a minor over the internet for sexual purposes.

The man was arrested on Tuesday after the parents alerted police when they came across some unsettling information while monitoring their child's Internet usage.

"I was very impressed actually, this was very due diligence on the parents' behalf," RCMP Const. Francine Hiebert told Metro.

Calgary police Internet safety crime prevention Const. Kathy MacDonald has some advice for parents and children to prevent such things from happening in the city.

"It's always good for parents to know what their children are doing and who they are talking to, what kind of sites they are using and even the kinds of personal information they are putting out there," she said.

The suspect is expected in Airdrie Provincial Court Aug. 19.

A few warning signs:

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# Rink windfall

\$9.5M to help southeast centre build new arena

By NEIL MACKINNON  
Metro Calgary

It just might be the tip of the iceberg.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier yesterday signed off on a \$9.5-million city commitment for the Trico Centre for Family Wellness, formerly the Family Leisure Centre, bringing the fundraising plans for a new arena closer to the \$20-million goal.

"This will go a long way, right away, to addressing the need in the southeast area," said Bronconnier, noting a shortage of at least a dozen more facilities required to meet the public's demand and city commitments of \$350 million to tackle the issue. "It's literally chipping away at a very large issue."

The project will include twinning the existing arena, upgrading the main en-



Mayor Dave Bronconnier flashes his stick skills for young hockey players at the Family Leisure Centre, where a \$9.5-million cash injection for modernization was announced yesterday.

trance, adding a family dressing room, more parking space and refurbishing surrounding soccer fields and ball diamonds.

Ward 14 Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway said it was a "very big day for this community," and just the start of what she hopes will be a rapid move

on the city's behalf to add more rinks to the city's stable.

"We're going to do it as quickly as we can," she said.

Construction will begin Aug. 1, with an opening date tentatively set for September of next year.

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# Strike not about cash: Union

Response follows board's offer of higher pay

By KRISTA SYLVESTER  
Metro Calgary

The issues aren't just about money, according to the president of the Calgary Board of Education Staff Association in response to a recent offer made by the school board.

President Bill Flookes told Metro while the Board of Education released its offer to the public yesterday, he believes it is just trying to distract people from the

## proposed wages

» Sept. 1 2008, wages would increase per hour as follows:

- Education assistant — \$24.09 to \$26.44
- Lunchroom supervisor — \$16.58 to \$18.20
- Administrative secretary — \$26.95 to \$29.58
- School psychologist — \$88,858 to \$109,233 per year

SOURCE: CBE

problem.

"They are avoiding the real issues and our members get upset when they try to characterize this as a money issue," he said. "It's about the

way the employees are treated overall."

The CBE said in a statement it believes the offer is fair and comparable to other settlements within the public sector.

Flookes pointed out that even with the CBE's proposal of a five per cent raise the first year, and another 4.53 per cent the second year, most staff association members make less than \$30,000 a year.

"These people are working less than eight hours a day, and only nine and a half months of the year. They don't get paid for the rest," he added.

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# Friends of Medicare blasts CEO pay

By ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

Merging of the health-care regions means new positions, and with that comes the ever-present debate on what the head honchos should be paid.

Charlotte Robb, the interim CEO of the new super-board, will be paid a salary

of \$550,000 with no benefits, which superboard chair Ken Hughes said yesterday is appropriate, especially considering the interim position.

To put it into perspective, Jack Davis, president and CEO of the Calgary Health Region, earned \$1.2 million in salary and benefits last year.

Mel Teghtmeyer of Friends

of Medicare not only disapproves of the big salaries, but doesn't think the superboard should exist at all.

"We think that the superboard is a waste, and we think that Charlotte Robb is a waste, and to pay her that amount of money is digging deeper into the public purse," Teghtmeyer said.

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The driver of a vehicle that killed a high school student and severely injured two others in 2006 was sentenced yesterday in provincial court. Teagan Peter Milaney, 27, will serve two years in prison on three counts of impaired driving, causing one death and two injuries.

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## Century Gardens



### 'World-class park' sought in changes

**REVITALIZATION** A vociferous belch and laughter follows a homeless chap's final swig from a plastic-bag-covered 40-ounce beer; his friend dunks his head in the stream.

In the well-kept grass, three more vagrant men lay in various stages of sprawl; body odour lingers thick, swirling throughout the serene downtown oasis of Century Gardens Park, a "crime prevention nightmare" and the kind of daily scene to which Ald. John Mar wants to put a halt.

"We have an opportunity to really enhance this place, make it a world-class park," Mar said. "We must do a better job encouraging more legitimate users."

There are no designs or permits yet, but a land swap between the city and a developer means the end is near for the fortified bowl, with drug deals in its nooks, and a popular magnet for the city's homeless.

In the end, it will be opened up, the many dark spots lightened, the bowl filled in. While John Malialis, 30, has had no problems in his lunch-time visits with the vagabonds who frequent the area, he said anything that can be done to revitalize the area is welcome.

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

# Skier's career put on ice

By ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

A familiar name in the skiing community, World Championship bronze medalist and one who has graced the World Cup podium five times in her career, Allison Forsyth is hanging up her skis for good.

The member of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, who had planned to represent Canada in Vancouver in 2010,

announced her retirement yesterday at C.O.P. due to a knee injury that she said made the decision for her, despite her best efforts willing it to heal.

"It is with a heavy heart that I stand here before you today," Forsyth said.

Described at her retirement ceremony as driven, ambitious, and an all-around great person, Forsyth hopes

to still be involved in the sport after she finishes her business degree she has been doing through correspondence, whether that involvement is through broadcasting or mentoring.

For now, she plans to "chill out" for awhile, since her knee needs to heal after losing almost 80 per cent of the cartilage after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) during

a fall in 2006 in Torino, Italy.

But while she is at peace with her decision, she has some regrets.

"I really wish I could've left my career saying I'd won a world race," she said. "... I am leaving the sport a little sad."

But she's proud of herself for never giving up and being determined to succeed, which her coach Mark Sharp says will bring her to any heights for which she reaches.



Forsyth

## Duo introduce massage mobile

20-hr. fundraiser for Young Moms starts tomorrow

By ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

Two local Calgarians are ready to rub away the stresses of life, and they might even come to your community in their mobile massage studio.

Rita Acharyya and her boyfriend, James Decker, who both practise massage, have converted an RV into an MV (massage vehicle) that they hope will be as welcomed as the familiar book mobile and give "that warm comfy feeling."

They've finished the renovations, which cost close to

### oasis on wheels

» The 'studio' that once sported yellow shag carpet now has wood flooring, red painted walls, and even a rock garden.

\$5,000, Tuesday night, just in time for their grand opening at Edworthy Park — right next to Angel's — where they plan to hold a 20 hour massage-a-thon with 100 per cent of the proceeds donated to the Calgary Doula association's Young Moms program.

"It's going to such an important cause," Acharyya said, adding that since they're going from 5 a.m. Friday morning until 1 a.m. Saturday morning, there's no excuse for anyone not to show up.



ROBIN KUNSKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

A client gets a tandem massage inside the mobile massage RV of Rita Acharyya and James Decker from Compassionately Kneaded. They launch tomorrow with a massage-a-thon at Edworthy Park.

## Edmonton



### Fed Building to get \$200M facelift

**RESTORATION** After 19 years of collecting toxic dust, the Federal Building in Edmonton is finally going to get a facelift and put back into service.

The 50-year-old building, designed in the same style as the Empire State Building, has been in the province's care since 1983, and was unused since 1989 due to the high cost of toxic asbestos removal and the tight budgets of the 1990s.

The renovations of the building will cost \$365 million, with \$200 million being spent on the building. The move is part of a plan to restore the parliament grounds for their 100th birthday in 2011.

ERIC BOWLING/FOR METRO CALGARY

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» **COMPOSTER** All Calgarians are invited to purchase a city-subsidized backyard composter for just \$25, usually \$100. On a first-come basis, the limited quantity will be available at six locations: North Hill Centre, Country Hills Home Depot, Sunridge Mall, Westbrook Mall, South Centre and Shawnessy Home Depot on Sat., June 21 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Cash and cheques are accepted, and composters may also be purchased at [www.calgaryonlinestore.com](http://www.calgaryonlinestore.com)

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## Walking Fido for charity

Humane society hosting dog walk fundraiser Sunday

By KRISTA SYLVESTER  
Metro Calgary

Six legs are better than two this Sunday at the 24th annual Dog Jog and More at Fish Creek Park.

The Calgary Humane Society (CHS) is hosting the popular shelter fundraiser, which has grown in numbers each year.

Spokesperson for the CHS Cheryl Wallach told Metro there are some people and dogs who have participated in almost every year since its inception.

"And more and more join each year. It's a really fun event and there is just so many different things to do, too," she said.

Besides the 5km walk and jog for puppies, dogs and their owners, there is also pet photography, contests and caricature drawings of four legged friends.

"This event is for anyone



Cheryl Wallach of the Calgary Humane Society and Chance, a one year old pit bull terrier, get ready for the Calgary Humane Society Dog Run and Walk coming up this weekend.

and their dogs to come out and enjoy the nice weather."

For more information

please visit [www.calgary-humane.ca](http://www.calgary-humane.ca).

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## Public car insurance no solution: Expert

Prices might not drop if province gets involved

By NEIL MACKINNON  
Metro Calgary

Public auto insurance wouldn't lessen the sting of potential 37 per cent increases rather it might actually make the matter worse, according to one industry executive.

AMA Insurance director Robert Katzell said Wednesday at the Alberta Auto In-

surance Rate Board's public hearing that renewed NDP party calls to bring public car insurance to the province were "premature" and would destroy competition and any semblance of fair and reasonable rates along with it.

"I don't think public insurance is the cure to all problems," Katzell said, pointing to a sweeping range of figures set forth at the two-day hearing which wrapped up yesterday afternoon that show competition, in all its variances, are much better for the bottom-lines of Al-

bertain's pocketbooks. "With public insurance, it's one price, you get the rate that you're given and you have to suck it up and pay, there's no room to find anything cheaper."

NDP leader Brian Mason slammed the province Wednesday for being an insurance company "rubber stamp" as they seek to "jack rates arbitrarily."

The board will make its decision by Aug. 1, and new rates will come into effect by November.

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### »news In Brief

» **ART** The Utilities and Environmental Protection and Parks Department and those from the art program are seeking artists, local, national, or international, to vie for their say in what art is put along Memorial Drive in the "Landscape of Memory Public Art Project." Staying within a

budget of \$1 million, one of Calgary's most cherished corridors is to be modernized and beautified. For details on the art competition, download "Expression of Interest" at [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca) under "I am a Vendor."

» **OBESITY** A Statistics Canada

report released yesterday said one in six people in the Calgary Health Region are considered obese, with nearly 20 per cent of adult males carrying more than their fair share of the acceptable weight, while only 12.8 per cent of adult females were considered too heavy for their own well-being. METRO CALGARY

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# RCMP to curb Taser use

## Watchdog report urges greater accountability

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said yesterday it would curb the use of Taser stun guns after the federal force's watchdog issued a stinging report accusing officers of zapping suspects unnecessarily.

The watchdog recommended that Mounties use Tasers — made by U.S.-based Taser International Inc. —

only when a suspect threatened the safety of officers or the public.

The Taser, also known as a conducted energy weapon (CEW), incapacitates people through a 50,000-volt jolt of electricity. Police say they are needed as a nonlethal alternative to firearms.

"We will act on the recommendations as quickly as possible to provide clearer direction to our members, to further restrict situations in

which the CEW can be deployed, and to develop and implement measures to enhance accountability," the RCMP said in a statement.

The watchdog's report, which said police were using the stun guns too often, was prompted by the 2007 case of a Polish immigrant who died shortly after Mounties shot him with Tasers at Vancouver airport and then subdued him.

"Our recommendations are

designed to hold the RCMP publicly accountable for its use of a weapon that has caused considerable apprehension among Canadians, and to control usage creep," said Paul Kennedy, who chairs the commission on public complaints against the RCMP.

"This is a time for a more conservative use of this weapon," he said at a news conference, adding the Taser was now being used in "highly inappropriate" circumstances.

REUTERS



Kennedy

## »news In Brief

» **POLITICS** Liberal senators said yesterday they will use their Senate majority to amend a bill, already passed by the House of Commons, which gives the government the power to decide which films and television shows get public money.

» **WINNIPEG** Spectators at lacrosse games in Winnipeg have been barred from games after a string of complaints from referees about abusive

parents, CBC News reports. The Red River Lacrosse Association, which governs the sport in Winnipeg and the surrounding area, had received numerous reports of abusive behavior aimed at game officials, some whom are as young as 16. Referees in the league have been threatened with physical violence and have even been followed to their car after games.

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## 6th foot found in B.C.

A sixth human foot has been found on B.C.'s South Coast, RCMP said yesterday.

The foot — the second to wash ashore in three days — was found yesterday morning by a woman walking at low tide on Vancouver Island's Tyee Spit.

The right foot was found in a black Adidas sneaker, roughly size 10.

"The object will ultimately be examined by a forensic pathologist in attempts to determine the source of the foot and if it is related to the other feet recently found," Const. Annie Linteau said in a release.

Since August, six human feet — all in sneakers — have been found on various Southwest B.C. beaches.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

## Parliament **Royal assent**



CHRIS WATTE/REUTERS

Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean smiles before the start of a royal assent ceremony in the Senate chamber on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

## Group challenges environment policy

An environmental group asked a federal court yesterday to order the Tory government to replace its climate change plan with one designed to meet Kyoto Protocol targets.

Backed by every opposition party, a Liberal bill that was supposed to require the Tories to create a plan to meet Kyoto emissions targets became law in 2007. But the Conservatives opposed it, saying it could trigger an "economic collapse."

The plan the government introduced in August ignored the Kyoto mandates.

"All government action must comply with the law," the group that launched the legal challenge, Friends of the Earth, wrote in its court submission.

"The will of Parliament is paramount and no administrative or executive authority is entitled to contravene it."

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« **The will of Parliament is paramount.** »

Friends of the Earth's court submission

## Vitrification safe: Study

Women who want to put motherhood on hold may soon be able to deep-freeze their eggs and store them indefinitely without worry.

Research out of McGill University suggests a new egg-freezing technique, called vitrification, is as safe as conventional in-vitro fertilization treatments and natural conception.

Vitrification, a patented technology refined at McGill

University, rapidly freezes eggs to prevent damaging ice crystals from forming.

The study, published in the journal Reproductive Bio-Medicine Online, is the largest to date to look at outcomes of vitrification. Researchers have found the incidence of birth defects was about 2.5 per cent — comparable to rates found in children conceived naturally or by in-vitro fertilization.

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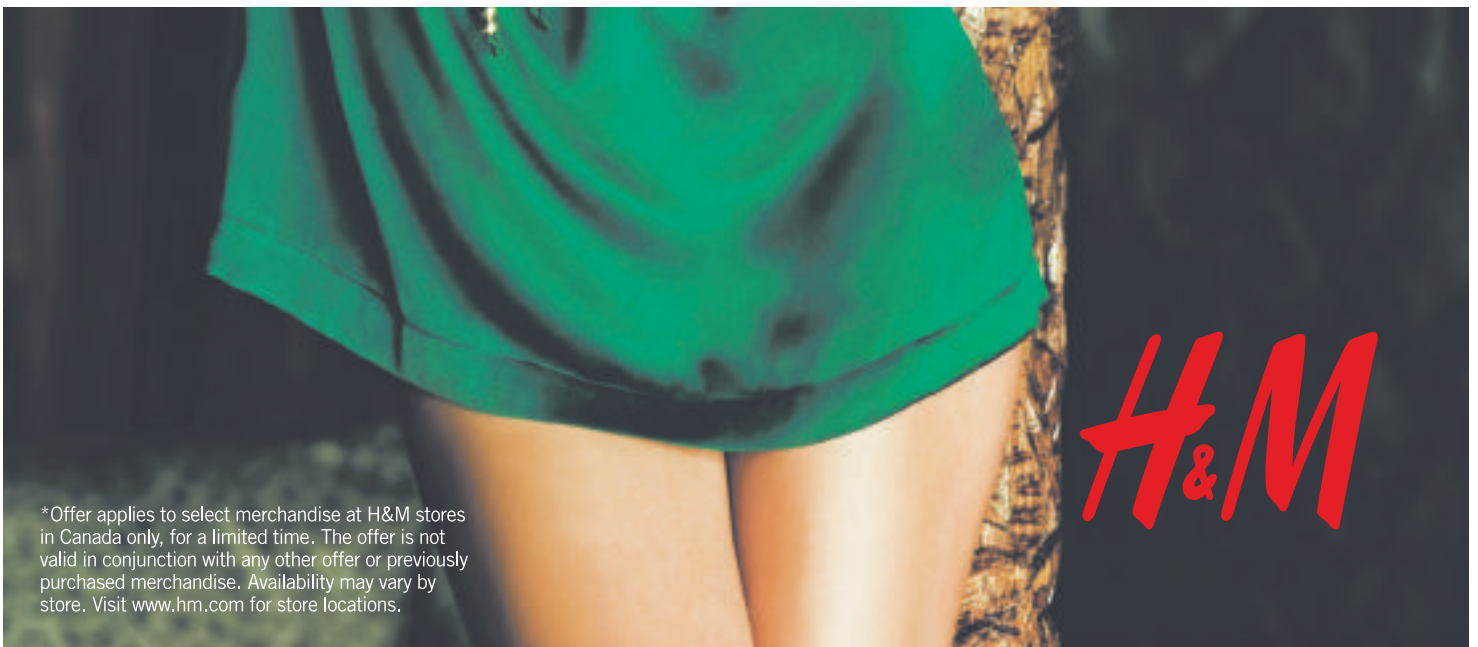
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# Man goes for test drive, robs bank

It's a test drive an Edmonton car salesman will probably never forget after his customer allegedly robbed a north end bank during the trip Tuesday.

Police say the suspect was going to give the salesman money for the new truck, but he needed to stop at a bank nearby to get it.

The salesman, who was still in the truck, didn't know the potential client was going

to rob the bank, police said.

Police say the salesman's worries grew after the driver said he wanted to show the truck off to a friend in Sherwood Park before buying it.

Once the vehicle stopped at a gas station near the Lakeland Trailer Park, the salesman took the keys and called 9-1-1 after the driver left the vehicle, said police.

"The suspect realized what

was going on, and fled the area on foot," said police spokesman Jeff Wuite.

Investigators believe the suspect is 40-year-old Marcel Perrot who is described as a Metis male who is six-foot-one and 230 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Police say Perrot has several tattoos including a unicorn on his right shoulder.

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## Ottawa **Fiery fringe**



Ottawa Fringe Festival technical director Jon Lockhart — who is also a fire eater and a professional juggler for the company Nickel Kicker — helped warm up the festival's launch event with a little fire-breathing last night.

## food

### Group calls for end to horse slaughter

**CONSUMPTION** An animal rights group, backed by Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby, is calling for an all-out ban on the slaughter of horses for human consumption in Canada — a practice that has increased here since it was stopped in the United States.

Ruby called the slaughter of horses in Canada "shockingly inhumane" and said that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency does not properly police such slaughter.

This year alone, at seven federally-licensed facilities, an estimated 102,000 horses will be slaughtered in Canada for human consumption in Europe and Asia, the organization says. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## » news

### In Brief

» **BAN** Ontario MPPs approved a ban on over 300 cosmetic pesticides before the Legislature rose for a three-month recess yesterday. Golf courses and farms are exempt. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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# world



The new game in Correns, a village in Provence suddenly hit by media frenzy since Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, left, moved into a nearby villa, is to make up stories about the couple for the paparazzi.

REUTERS

## Bush wants more offshore drilling

President urging U.S. congress to overturn ban

U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday urged Congress to end a ban on offshore oil drilling, responding to consumer anxiety over record-high gasoline prices with a plan sure to anger environmentalists.

"Every American who drives to work, purchases food or ships a product has felt the effect. And families across our country are looking to Washington for a response," Bush said.

As average U.S. pump prices pierced the \$4-a-gallon level for the first time this month, up more than \$1 from a year ago, energy policy has become a key issue in the presidential race ahead of

### opposition

» Environmental groups have long opposed expanded offshore oil drilling, raising concerns about the dangers to fragile ecosystems as well as a potential for oil spills.

November elections.

Bush said opening federal lands off the U.S. coast — where oil drilling has been banned by both a presidential executive order and a congressional moratorium — could yield about 18 billion barrels of oil.

The short-term impact on oil prices is open to debate. The prospect of more energy supply down the road could calm nervous traders who see a looming global oil crunch, but any actual supply would be years away even if Congress acted quickly. **REUTERS**

## Kandahar battle grows

NATO, Afghan forces kill dozens of Taliban soldiers

Helicopter gunships and troops blasted a valley in southern Afghanistan yesterday in a huge offensive by NATO and local forces against Taliban insurgents, many of whom broke out of jail last week.

The defence ministry in Kabul said dozens of Taliban including foreign militants, were killed in a NATO air strike and two Afghan army officers also died in the operation, in Arghandab district outside Kandahar city.

Meanwhile some 800 Afghan government troops, backed by hundreds of mainly Canadian NATO soldiers, are fighting 200 to 400 Taliban insurgents who seized seven villages in the Arghandab district, just northwest of Kandahar, the regional base for



An Afghan army soldier patrols as British soldiers stand at a checkpoint in the southern city of Kandahar yesterday.

NATO troops. It is less than a week since the Taliban freed some 1,000 prisoners, including more than 300 of their comrades, from a jail in the city after a suicide truck bomber rammed the main gate.

"There are setbacks ... the prison breakout and the Arghandab operation, and there will be setbacks in the future," Canadian Major-General Marc Lessard, commander of NATO forces in southern Afghanistan, told

Reuters in an interview.

Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said militants had set their sights on Kandahar itself, the movement's birthplace, which lies about 20 kilometres from Arghandab. **REUTERS**

## Bono African poverty



U2 lead singer Bono speaks during a news conference to present the 2008 DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) Report in Paris yesterday. The DATA Report 2008, released today by the organization ONE, shows the G8 failing in its Africa poverty commitments.

## In Brief

» **FLOODING** The swollen Mississippi River ran over the top of at least 12 more levees yesterday, as floodwaters swallowed up more U.S. farmland, adding to billion-dollar losses and feeding global food inflation fears.

» **ELECTION** Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai yesterday predicted "a huge turnout" in a presidential election run-off despite what critics say is a campaign of violence and intimidation by the government. Tsvangirai, who leads the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC),

spoke to CBC Radio.

» **NUCLEAR** North Korea will soon produce a long-overdue declaration of its nuclear programs, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

» **GUANTANAMO** The U.S. District Court's chief judge said he met yesterday with lawyers for Guantanamo Bay prisoners and the Justice Department to go over security and procedural issues in view of a landmark ruling last week that allowed suspects to challenge their detention.

REUTERS

## Three charged in death of Russian journalist

Russian prosecutors yesterday charged three men with a role in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya who was critical of the Kremlin's rights record in Chechnya, but her newspaper's editor said he did not believe the crime was solved.

A gunman shot Politkovskaya in her central Moscow apartment block in October 2006, a murder which shocked the West but

barely resonated in Russia outside a small band of intellectuals who read her reports in the newspaper.

"Three figures are accused in the murder of the journalist," the Russian Prosecutor-General's office said in a statement.

A staunch Kremlin critic, Politkovskaya was well known in the West for her campaigning human rights reporting in Chechnya. **REUTERS**

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# Castro still a player in Cuba

81-year-old seen in video looking healthy, active

Former Cuban President Fidel Castro's appearance in a televised video Tuesday night put to rest the latest rumours of his imminent demise and suggested he still plays a significant role in Cuba's government.

Castro, 81, looked vigorous as he chatted with his close ally, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, and his brother, Cuban President Raul Castro, in a sun-dappled garden in the first public images of the ailing former leader since mid-January.

The man who took power in a 1959 revolution and led



Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro listens during a meeting with his brother Cuban President Raul Castro, right, and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, in Havana on Tuesday.

Cuba for 49 years has not been seen in public since undergoing intestinal surgery in July 2006, but has surfaced sporadically in videos and photo-

graphs shown in the island's state-run media.

Even though he writes occasional newspaper columns and the government has said

he remains involved in policy-making, Fidel Castro's five-month absence from public view had fed speculation that his health problems, of which little has been disclosed, were worsening and the end was near.

Thus, most were surprised at a thin but animated Castro shown in the mostly soundless video gesturing, sitting, standing and talking with his two fellow socialists about topics said by state media to range from the global food crisis to the U.S. presidential election.

"He looked good, I didn't expect to see him like that, I thought he was much worse physically because he hasn't come out in many months," said Rosa Hernandez, a 69-year-old retiree.

## Unemployed opt for surgical help

Cosmetic surgery still on the rise

### study results

» An online study of 562 ASDS members found that nearly 63 per cent of them are maintaining a consistent volume of cosmetic-related bookings among existing patients compared to six months ago.

Cosmetic surgeons are finding the weakening economy isn't deterring customers seeking a quick fix and has even led to a new type of client — people who have lost their jobs and want to look good for interviews.

A study by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) found that demand for simple cosmetic procedures such as Botox injections is on the rise, despite worries of a U.S. recession.

ASDS president Dr. Darrell

Rigel said not only are cosmetic enhancements on the rise, but they're gaining popularity among an unlikely subset of the population — the recently unemployed.

"They view this as an investment in helping them get a new job," said Rigel.

REUTERS

## »news In Brief

» **SECURITY** Iraq said yesterday it was committed to meeting a deadline for a long-term security pact with the United States, as Washington confirmed it dropped a demand concerning the divisive issue of immunity for private contractors. The two countries are negotiating a new security deal to provide a legal basis for U.S. troops to

stay in Iraq after a United Nations mandate expires on Dec. 31.

» **DRUGS** Colombian cocaine production edged down last year despite an increase in crops used to make the drug, showing that law enforcement efforts have reduced the efficiency of the business, the United Nations said yesterday.

REUTERS

## Israel wants Lebanon talks

Israel is interested in opening peace talks with Lebanon, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday, echoing remarks the Israeli leader made behind closed doors to his security cabinet.

Lebanon has poured cold water on Israeli hopes that it would follow Syria in opening

peace talks, saying Israel had to withdraw from what Beirut considers its occupied land, a sliver of disputed territory known as Shebaa Farms.

"Israel is interested in peace talks with Lebanon," Olmert's spokesman, Mark Regev, said.

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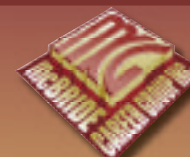
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Magna International said yesterday it would lay off about 400 workers from a St. Thomas, Ont., parts plant, where it makes truck frames, effective Sept. 8.

REUTERS

## Six charged with fraud in Montreal

Police in Montreal have arrested and charged six people with hundreds of fraud-related counts for their roles in the 2005 collapse of the Norbourg investment company which left about 9,200 investors short of \$130 million in total.

Among those charged by the RCMP is former Chief Executive Vincent Lacroix, who is already in jail serving a 12 year sentence for various securities convictions.

Norbourg Asset Management's assets were frozen by the Quebec provincial securities watchdog in August 2005 amid fraud allegations.

REUTERS

## Time out **Fuel protests**



FRANCIS LENOR/REUTERS

A woman takes a nap as tractors clog Brussels, the Belgian capital, with farmers demonstrating against rising fuel costs yesterday. Taxi drivers and truckers held similar protests.

## »news In Brief

» **NAFTA** Most Canadian manufacturers believe the North American Free Trade Agreement has helped their businesses grow, but a Deloitte survey of executives

released yesterday also shows they now need to seek new markets outside the continent to stay competitive.

REUTERS

# Online ads exploding

## Eyeballs migrate to Internet: Report

Internet advertising will continue to grow at a blistering pace in Canada, blossoming into a \$3.4 billion US industry over the next five years as more consumers migrate to their computers and mobile devices to access multimedia content, says a new report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers' latest Global Entertainment Media Outlook suggests that online advertising is already enjoying unparalleled growth in this country, soaring

33.2 per cent to \$1.3 billion last year.

By 2012, web-based advertising is expected to remain "Canada's fastest growing segment," boasting a 21.1 per cent compound annual growth rate to \$3.4 billion.

"Keyword search, classified advertising, and online video advertising — full-motion video ads shown on the Internet — will be the fastest-growing components," said Jerry Brown, director of PricewaterhouseCoopers' Canadian entertainment and media advisory practice.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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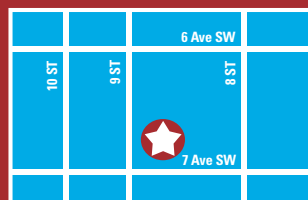
» The report also notes that Internet access growth lost some momentum last year, coming in at 7.7 per cent to \$3.4 billion.

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## sports



The Philadelphia Flyers dealt the rights to centre Vaclav Prospal, left, to the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday. The Flyers acquired a seventh-round pick in the upcoming draft along with a conditional pick in 2009.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Changes no cause for concern

Stamps QBs support o-line's newcomers

By DAN TOTH  
for Metro Calgary

Quarterbacks have plenty on their minds at the best of times but make one change to the offensive line and the high-priced playcallers get a little jittery.

Making multiple personnel moves just adds to their anxiety, potentially triggering a full-scale mutiny, yet such is not the case with the Calgary Stampeders.

The team will enter the 2008 Canadian Football League season with three new starters among the beefy pass protectors but through nearly three weeks of training camp and one

pre-season game there seems to be little cause for concern.

"The o-line's going to be the key to our offence this season because the quarterbacking position is strong, along with the running backs and we've got good wideouts," explained backup pivot Dave Dickenson.

"Right now we've got three new parts up front and to me that is a cause for concern. But honestly, with the offensive line, the more they play together, the better they get."

Returning this season are right tackle Jeff Pilon, entering his ninth CFL season, and veteran centre Rob Lazoe.

Wedged between them at right tackle will be rookie Dimitri

Tsompas, the second pick overall in this spring's Canadian College Draft.

Other new ingredients include left tackle Antonio Hall and Godfrey Ellis, trying to earn the left guard position vacated by retired Jay McNeil, along with newcomers Jesse Newman, Ben Archibald and third-year backup Derek Armstrong.

"We ran the ball well (in a pre-season with against Edmonton) and we've got good running backs here but they got a (efficient) blocking," Dickenson said.

"Edmonton was missing a few guys up front and in their linebacking corps, so there'll be a few more challenges for the o-line down the road."

"Our guys responded (against Edmonton) but it's going to be a much bigger challenge down the road."



Pilon

## NHL

Board approves sale of Oilers, Bolts

**MOVES** The National Hockey League Board of Governors unanimously approved the sales of the Edmonton Oilers and Tampa Bay Lightning at its annual meeting yesterday.

The Oilers are changing hands from the 34-member Edmonton Investors Group to Darryl Katz, an Alberta native and Rexall pharmacy billionaire, for \$200 million US.

## NBA

Raps, Garbajosa reach settlement

**DEALS** The Toronto Raptors and forward Jorge Garbajosa have agreed to an agreement to buy out the remaining year left on the 30-year-old's contract.

The six-foot-nine power forward, who suffered a serious leg injury in March 2007, averaged eight points and 4.7 rebounds per game in 74 career games over two seasons for the Raptors.

## NBA

22 arrested after Celtics' title win

**LAW** Boston police arrested 23 people early yesterday after celebrations of the Celtics' first NBA championship win in 22 years briefly turned violent with some fans smashing windows and assaulting police.

The Celtics won their 17th NBA championship by beating the Los Angeles Lakers 131-92 on Tuesday.

## MLB

Yankees bring in veteran Ponson

**MOVES** The New York Yankees signed veteran righty Sidney Ponson to a minor league contract yesterday in an attempt to bulk up their starting rotation.

Ponson, 31, was 4-1 with a 3.88 earned run average in nine starts before being designated for assignment by the Texas Rangers on June 6.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Tiger out till '09

Golf star to have major knee surgery

Tiger Woods will have reconstructive surgery on his left knee that will sideline him for the rest of 2008, the world No. 1 said yesterday.

The 32-year-old defied jabbing pain all week before clinching his 14th major title at the U.S. Open on Monday, winning a 19-hole playoff against compatriot Rocco Mediate.

It was his first event in two months since having surgery

to clean out cartilage in the knee two days after he played the Masters in mid-April.

Woods outlined that he would have reconstructive surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament, which he tore 11 months ago after last year's British Open at Carnoustie.

He also said he would require time off to rehabilitate a double stress fracture of his left tibia that was found last month and attributed to his intense rehabilitation and preparation for the U.S. Open.

REUTERS



Woods



RYAN PIERSE/GETTY IMAGES

Sweden's Henrik Larsson attempts a bicycle kick while Russia's Sergei Semak, left, looks on during their Group D match yesterday. Russia downed the Swedes 2-0 to advance.

# A not-so-Swede ending

Russia grabs last quarter-final spot

EURO 2008

Russia set up a Euro 2008 quarter-final with coach Guus Hiddink's native Netherlands after a deserved 2-0 win over Sweden in Group D yesterday completed the lineup for the last eight.

The Swedes only needed a draw to progress from the

opening group stage which ended yesterday, but Roman Pavlyuchenko gave Russia a lead after a great passing play midway through the first half in Innsbruck before Andrei Arshavin, playing his first match of the tournament after a ban, finished off a similar flowing move later on.

Greece, who won Euro 2004 against all the odds and expectations, have returned to type as big-event whipping

boys — the only team at this year's tournament not to gain a single point after losing to Spain 2-1 yesterday.

Germany plays Portugal in the first quarter-final today without their coach Joachim Loew who has been suspended following his actions in the Austria game. Croatia faces Turkey tomorrow, Netherlands, Russia meet Saturday, and Spain and Italy round out the quarter-finals on Sunday.

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## SCOREBOARD

### MLB

#### LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE  
Arizona 11 Oakland 1  
Atlanta 5 Texas 2  
Boston 7 Philadelphia 4  
Baltimore 2 Houston 1 (10 infs)  
Chicago White Sox 8 Pittsburgh 2  
Colorado 4 Cleveland 2  
Detroit 7 San Francisco 2  
Kansas City 3 St. Louis 2  
Milwaukee 5 Toronto 4  
Minnesota 11 Washington 2  
N.Y. Yankees 8 San Diego 5  
Tampa Bay 5 Chicago Cubs 4  
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Angels  
Florida at Seattle  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
L.A. Dodgers 6 Cincinnati 1

#### TODAY'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE  
San Diego at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05  
Washington at Minnesota, 11:10  
Toronto at Milwaukee, 12:05  
Atlanta at Texas, 12:05  
Pittsburgh at Chicago W. Sox, 12:05  
Kansas City at St. Louis, 12:15  
Oakland at Arizona, 1:40  
Houston at Baltimore, 5:05  
Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 5:10  
Cleveland at Colorado, 7:05

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 10:35

#### CFL

##### PRE-SEASON

##### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Hamilton at Toronto, 5  
Montreal at Winnipeg, 6  
Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 7

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##### TONIGHT'S GAME

CALGARY at Chico, 7:05

##### EURO 2008

##### GROUP A

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X-Portugal 2 1 0 5 3 6

X-Turkey 2 1 0 5 6 6

Switzerland 1 2 0 3 3 3

Czech Rep. 1 2 0 4 6 3

GROUP B

W L T GF GA PT

X-Croatia 3 0 0 4 1 9

X-Germany 2 1 0 4 2 6

### Austria

0 2 1 1 3 1

### Poland

0 2 1 1 4 1

### GROUP C

W L T GF GA PT

X-Netherlands 3 0 0 9 1 9

X-Italy 1 1 1 3 4 4

Romania 0 1 2 1 3 2

Greece 0 3 0 1 6 1

### GROUP D

W L T GF GA PT

X-Spain 3 0 0 9 3 9

X-Russia 2 1 0 4 4 6

Sweden 1 2 0 3 4 3

Greece 0 3 0 1 5 0

(X - clinched quarter-final spot)

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 2 Greece 1

Russia 2 Sweden 0

### QUARTER-FINALS

Portugal vs. Germany, 12:45

Croatia vs. Turkey, 12:45

### SATURDAY'S GAME

Netherlands vs. Russia, 12:45

### SUNDAY'S GAME

Spain vs. Italy, 12:45

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When cleaning fabric lamp shades, Molly Maid cleaning service suggests vacuuming with an upholstery brush attachment, which is good at getting at dust in pleated shades.

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# Grass still perennial favourite

**G**ras is not the only choice for your lawn these days, but the design team still believes nothing beats the sensuous experience of thick, healthy lawn against newly bare feet. Ahhhh!

Grass remains a perennial favourite with many folks, and why not? When it's well maintained, it looks green and lush, it filters pollution, it buffers hot temperatures, it absorbs water and it prevents soil erosion.

But poorly maintained grass can be an eyesore, looking patchy, worn, or dried out to a crisp. It certainly does not have a thick, healthy look. In fact, poorly maintained grass adds an air of neglect, which is a design crime.

Luckily, you can have a healthy lawn without using pesticides. As is often the case, preparation is paramount. First of all, make sure you have a good spot for a lawn — it should be even ground with a gen-



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tle slope for drainage. There should be no low spots since these will become waterlogged puddles after it rains.

Ideally, the soil should be deep (4 to 8 inches of topsoil), fertile, and loamy, meaning that it is a well-aerated mixture of sandy soil and organic matter. Soil with a lot of clay in it is a difficult medium for grass or any other plant (with the exception of weeds). It must be mixed with organic matter to loosen it up so that air and water can get through.

A lawn should enjoy a minimum of six hours of sunshine per day.

Most grass will tolerate only moderate foot traffic — look to your local schoolyard to see the effect on grass of too many little feet.

Check for pre-existing pests — insects, diseases and weeds. If you are sowing new grass, these must be removed, or they will return to haunt you. In an existing lawn, periodically pulling weeds seems to be a necessary evil. And remember that a couple of dandelions are not a huge problem — you just want to keep them from proliferating all over your lawn.

If the conditions are not ideal, you can try changing your seeds. For example, Kentucky bluegrass likes lots of sunlight, especially morning sun. Fine fescues are shade tolerant and ryegrass has a good tolerance to wear. But, if you have a serious problem area — too much shade, for example, you may have to plant other species, such as a bed of hostas, which do well in



A well-maintained lawn not only looks great, but serves as a buffer for hot temperatures and prevents soil erosion.

the shade.

When it's dry, mow high — 2.5 to 3 inches, and make sure your mower blades are sharp to avoid damaging grass. (If you've got a small lawn, consider a push mower.) In summer, when growth is not so fast, you can leave clippings on

the grass after mowing.

Clippings over .5 cm will smother your lawn, so you should rake it.

Watering should be done deeply and infrequently. Use a container on your lawn to measure how much water you've used — water at least 1 inch of

water, and do it only when conditions are dry, not on a scheduled basis. Too much water can lead to poor growing conditions and disease. The best watering time is morning.

Any existing lawn will benefit from a thin layer of compost mixed with soil raked over it. In late summer, spreading grass seed (overseeding) with a top-dressing of compost will work wonders. Aerating soil, or poking holes in the lawn to increase space for water and air is beneficial.

Finally, if your lawn is older and has a layer of thatch (dead grass and roots at the base) that is more than a half-inch thick, you must "dethatch" it. Do this by using a heavy rake to clean out the thatch layer — it can prevent water, air and nutrients from getting to the roots, and it can also provide cover for insects and diseases.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

## Laundry room loaded with ways to help environment

While most Canadians know they should be doing something about the environment, 60 per cent still admit that when it comes to shopping decisions, they "stick to regular brands, not the natural ones."

As well, 92 per cent of Canadians agree that: "people talk a lot about doing some-

thing for the environment, but not many seem to actually be doing something about it."

Take a look at your laundry room — here are just a few responsible purchases you can make:

» **Purchase a front-load washing machine.** This efficient system cleans your

clothes by lifting them to the top of the tub and then dropping them into the water below. Front loading machines can handle 5 to 9 kilos of clothes at a time and yet they fill only partly with water and wash best with low-suds detergent. Front-load washers save water and energy.

» **Switch to a biodegradable laundry detergent:** Angus Reid reports 75 per cent of Canadians are concerned about the effects of soaps and laundry detergents have on the environment. Detergents are changing and becoming more environmentally conscious. Among those leading the pack, for exam-

ple, is the newest line of Purex detergent called Natural Elements. It is biodegradable. The ingredients of this 2X ultra concentrate biodegrade in just 28 days.

» **Install a Dry Vent Switch:** To conserve energy and lower your heating costs, why not direct your electric dryer vent indoors? There are

several kits available with high-quality lint traps so you can quickly re-direct the warm air inside. The dryer stays attached to the outdoor vent, but if you like, just flip a switch to indoor. Caution: check your municipal codes for guidelines on this procedure and never vent a gas dryer indoors. **NEWS CANADA**

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## food



Typically paired with strawberries or apples and seasoned with cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, lemon and orange, rhubarb is made into pies, crisps, cobblers, muffins or jams.

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# Spring's fresh face

Recognized by its large, green elephant ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is often called the harbinger of spring, as it is the earliest vegetable — along with asparagus — to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July. Rhubarb's rather intriguing personality — tart yet easily dominated by other flavours — is why it works in both sweet and savoury dishes. Rhubarb can makes tasty relishes, chutneys and sauces to serve with chicken or pork.



**à la carte**  
BARB HOLLAND

3 eggs  
2/3 cup (150 mL) sugar  
2 cups (500 mL) milk  
1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla  
5 cups (1.25 mL) cubed day-old French or Italian bread, in ¾-inch (2 cm) cubes  
1/4 cup (50 mL) sliced almonds

## Rhubarb and Strawberry Bread Pudding

If your garden or local market has fresh rhubarb, here is a recipe to try. Bread cubes should be slightly dried out. Lay out in single layer on baking sheet to dry slightly.

### INGREDIENTS:

3 cups (750 mL) chopped rhubarb (1/2-inch/1 cm pieces)  
1/2 cup (125 mL) strawberry or raspberry jam

**METHOD:** Combine rhubarb and jam (microwave jam a few seconds to liquefy it slightly); set aside.

In large bowl, whisk eggs with sugar; whisk in milk and vanilla. Stir in bread cubes. Stir in rhubarb mixture. Pour into lightly greased 9-inch (23 cm) square baking dish or pan. Sprinkle with almonds.

Place pan in slightly larger pan; pour boiling water into large pan to come two-thirds up side of smaller pan. Bake



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Field rhubarb is the most prevalent, but "forced" or greenhouse rhubarb, shown here, is available in February to early May. This rhubarb is tender, has pink stalks and small yellowish leaves. It generally needs less sugar and cooks to a pretty pink colour.

in preheated 350°F (180°C) oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until puffed and golden on top. Serve warm.

### Rhubarb Tips:

- Selection: Choose firm stalks that are fresh and crisp. If plucking from your

backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks, one stalk should yield about ½ cup (125 mL) chopped and avoid eating the leaves as they contain a potential toxin called oxalic acid.

- Storage:

Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for a few days. For longer storage, rhubarb is a breeze to freeze; just chop it into pieces and place in airtight freezer bags. Thaw completely and drain well before cooking.

- Preparation: Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. One pound (500 g) raw rhubarb yields about 3 cups (750 mL) sliced fruit. If overly mature, it may need to have its fibrous strings removed. Rhubarb browns naturally when cooked, but avoid aluminum or cast-iron pans or it will darken considerably. While quite fibrous, rhubarb is also 95 per cent water, so it cooks down to a sauce-like consistency within 10 minutes of cooking. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after cooking. A squeeze of fresh lemon also brings out its flavour.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

## just a bite



## Top cereals with roasted rhubarb

**BREAKFAST** Aside from 'stewing rhubarb', i.e. cooking rhubarb with sugar and a small amount of water in a saucepan or microwave until it becomes a sauce, an interesting way to cook rhubarb is to 'roast' it.

Toss 3 cups (1 L) chopped rhubarb with 1/3 cup (75 mL) brown sugar and place in a shallow parchment-paper lined baking pan. Roast at 350°F (180°C) for 10 minutes or until tender. This intensifies the flavour and preserves the colour — nice to add to your morning yogurt or cereal.

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## »news In Brief

**» FACTS** Rhubarb is a hardy perennial that grows well in our northern climate as it needs a long dormant period (winter). Variety rather than colour determines sweetness (if you can use that word for it), and generally the more slender the stalk, the more tender. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# True Italian country cooking

Anita Stewart's Canada is a cookbook about our country and about homegrown ingredients, used locally and seasonally in home kitchens.

Anita Stewart is an author, food columnist, magazine writer and culinary activist but, most importantly, a tireless and passionate promoter of Canadian food. Anita Stewart's Canada is published by Harper Collins Canada, who've offered Metro a delicious, simple recipe from the book:

## Wine-Braised Veal Shanks (Osso Buco)

Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking. I love it with buttermilk-mashed potatoes. The essential flavour-

ing is called gremolata, a mixture that always has lemon, garlic and parsley in it. Some cooks add anchovies, too. It's quickly minced with a mezzaluna, a two-handled rounded knife that's becoming more widely available in Canada.

### INGREDIENTS:

6 veal shanks (about 3 lb/1.5 kg)  
All-purpose flour, for dredging  
2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil  
3 cups (750 mL) dry white wine  
1 ½ tsp (7 mL) salt  
1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste

### GREMOLATA:

1 lemon  
½ cup (125 mL) chopped fresh parsley  
2 or 3 cloves garlic

**METHOD:** Dredge the veal shanks in flour, shaking off any excess. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. In batches, brown the veal thoroughly on both sides. Add wine to almost cover the meat. Sprinkle with salt; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes or until the veal is tender. Stir in the tomato paste and add more wine if the mixture is too dry. Cover and cook gently for 30 to 45 minutes longer.

Gremolata: Remove the rind from the lemon with a vegetable peeler. Using a mezzaluna or sharp knife or in a food processor, mince the peel very finely with the



Anita Stewart's Canada is available online at Amazon.ca.

parsley and garlic. About 15 minutes before serving, sprinkle the gremolata over the veal. Cover and heat thoroughly.

Transfer the shanks and the sauce that has formed to a wide serving bowl. Serve with warm crusty bread onto which diners can spread the marrow.



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Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking.



## entertainment



Actress Sienna Miller, left, has confirmed she will play the role of Maid Marian in a film remake of Robin Hood. BBC NEWS ONLINE

# Crash Parallel's big goal

Rock band hopes to connect with fans worldwide

By **HEATHER SETKA**  
for Metro Calgary

Tim Edwards wants to go global.

Calgarians have probably heard the song he wrote World We Know on local radio, recorded with the band he fronts Crash Parallel. The song with the catchy mantra "what are we waiting for?" and the lyrics about hurricanes, tidal waves and acid rain running through his veins is in rotation on radio playlists across Canada.

But Toronto-based Edwards hopes people in Austin, Texas, Hamburg, Germany and London will connect with the song, and the album it shares a name with, as well.

"This record has a place



Crash Parallel plays the Virgin Festival in Calgary this weekend.

outside Canada," says Edwards. "Everybody in the world deals with heartbreak, and the other things on the record like mental illness."

The band already has fans via their MySpace page in places like Japan and Australia. But before they can conquer the world, Crash

Parallel will spend the summer taking on their homeland.

They stopped in Calgary on Friday for a downtown outdoor performance, playing to a transient lunchtime crowd and signing autographs for about 50 people. The set was part of the band's tour that

includes festival dates across the country.

The touring itself — travelling in a van for long stretches between cities — is a learning experience, Edwards says. "Playing this many dates in a row is not something we've done before. I'm learning to take care of

myself on the road."

And it's a great way to see the country. "We just drove through the mountains," Edwards says. "That drive is incredible."

The list of dates includes at least one more stop in Calgary for the Virgin Festival on June 21. For that event, Edwards, along with Crash Parallel guitarist Dan Saitua, bassist Gary Rugala and drummer John Vitellaro are on the same bill as bands they grew up listening to, like Stone Temple Pilots and The Tragically Hip.

"(The Hip) has shown bands like us that you can have a successful career mainly in Canada," Edwards says. But that doesn't mean Crash Parallel plans to stop there.

For an autographed copy of a Crash Parallel CD, e-mail [winning@metronews.ca](mailto:winning@metronews.ca). Contest closes Sunday.

## downloading



## Kid Rock explains iTunes boycott

**MUSIC** Kid Rock is refusing to put his albums on iTunes because he says artists do not get paid enough for downloads from the Apple store, BBC News Online reports.

Kid Rock is one of the last few acts not fully signed up to the service.

He said it was based on "an old system, where iTunes takes the money, the record company takes the money, and they don't give it to the artists."

## summer show

## Cyrus to host Teen Choice Awards



**PEOPLE** Actress Miley Cyrus will host this summer's Teen Choice awards in the U.S., BBC News Online reports.

The 15-year-old, who shot to fame as the star of Disney's Hannah Montana, has also been nominated for four awards, including best comedy actress.

TV series Gossip Girl leads the way with 14 nominations, whilst singer Chris Brown is up for nine awards.

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# Coldplay disc more 'sexy'

Chris Martin jokes with press ahead of tour launch

Coldplay front man Chris Martin said this week the British band's new album was more "sexy" than the critically acclaimed X&Y that was released in 2005.

Joking with the press and appearing more relaxed than during sometimes tense exchanges with British journal-

ists in recent days, Martin and his bandmates were in Barcelona to give a free concert ahead of a tour of North America, Japan and Europe.

Martin briefly walked out of a radio interview last week, accusing the host of "twisting" his words.

"I think we are definitely more handsome now than we were three years ago," Martin joked. "I think that's reflected in our music, it's much more sexy."

Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends is the eagerly anticipated followup to X&Y and stormed to the top of the British album charts on Sunday. Its biggest commercial test, in the key U.S. market, comes this week.

X&Y sold an estimated 10 million copies worldwide, and if Viva La Vida can match that tally, Coldplay's record label EMI will breath a huge sigh of relief.

The label, taken into pri-



Coldplay's new album is now available in stores.

vate hands in 2007, lost Paul McCartney and Radiohead in 2007 and could see the Rolling Stones leave in 2008, according to industry experts.

Martin, married to actress Gwyneth Paltrow, said Coldplay had been surprised at

how personal some of the new album was.

"When you finish a big tour two things go through your head: One is may be we need to do the same thing again and again because the most people will like that." **REUTERS**



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# Events for non-Virgins

**M**y heart raced last year when Sir Richard Bronson proclaimed Fort Calgary as one of the sites for his Virgin Music Festival. And not only because Bronson happens to be the most dashing space-travelling, cowboy hat-throwing gazillionaire who ever graced this city.

I truly anticipated the lineup for months, checking the website thrice weekly. But, as with most long-awaited moments, the buildup far exceeded the climax.

When the news finally popped up on my browser, my response was not a whoop but a yawn. One of the headliners is way past prime and the other comes here so often that their presence doesn't illicit any stirring in me whatsoever. I'll let



you decipher which band is which.

Let's hope sensational acts like Stars and The Flaming Lips steal the show. But if their backseat sets don't seem worth the \$125 ticket, here are a few sexy options for the less Virginally inclined among you.

Throughout his entire career, critics have taunted Jakob Dylan by pondering whether he lives up to his father's uber-famous name.

Really, who cares? Have you seen this man? He's freakishly attractive. Those lips. Those eyes.

Catch this deadly combo in the flesh at Flames Central this Saturday. Tickets are \$32.50 plus surcharges. Oh yeah, there'll be music too, courtesy of Dylan's band The Wallflowers.

Now it's quite possible that neither a philanthropic knight nor a rock legend's spawn do it for you. But what about spicy meat on a stick? Deep fried battered squid? Pastry topped with walnuts, cinnamon and honey?

If nothing gets you hotter than Greek eats, you should stop by the Hellenic Community Centre (1 Tamarac Cres. SW) this weekend.

The 10th Annual Greek

Festival starts Friday at noon and runs until Sunday evening.

On top of sumptuous cuisine, the festival also features alluring dance troupes aplenty and Poseidon, a musical ensemble claiming to be "North America's Most Exciting Greek Band" (take that STP!). Oh, not to mention a spread of gorgeous local Greek gods and goddesses amongst the 40,000 predicted attendees. Admission is \$5. Visit [www.calgaryhellenic.com](http://www.calgaryhellenic.com) for more information.

And the best news: unlike Fort Calgary, this venue's equipped rain or shine.

E-mail me with your slickest suggestions at [slickcity@metronews.ca](mailto:slickcity@metronews.ca).

Heather Setka has been skulking around the Calgary cultural scene for years. She's a lover of the esthetic, aural and esoteric.



Erykah Badu says her new album is "to the left."

## Badu matches lyrics with sonic backdrop

Artist goes beyond soul-jazz sound with new album

By **TINA CHADHA**  
Metro World News

"I guess you call it to the left," Erykah Badu says of her music, specifically New

Amerikah: Pt. 1 (4th World War), her latest album.

It ventures beyond the soul-blues-jazz for which she was initially known into psycho-hip-hop-blaxploitation-dub. Call it a sonic backdrop that matches

her lyrics that have always been challenging—think obscure references to the Five Percent Nation or Kemetic Orthodoxy, a traditional Egyptian religion.

Ever since 1997, when she leapt into the public eye with her Grammy-winning blues-soul debut *Baduizm*, Badu has been considered slightly kooky. There were the towering head wraps, oversized Ankhs, burning incense and

concerts turned tea parties.

But in an R&B landscape full of copycat sex vixens, her trippy persona and evolution from neo-soul hippie to funk priestess has made her a beloved icon.

Though her fans have followed her through her shift away from neo-soul into cosmic crooning, people who fell in love with her more frankincense-and-myrrh leanings will be pleased to know that her next album, tentatively called *New Amerikah Pt. 2: Return of the Ankh* promises old-school Badu.

"This is a very mental record," she says of Pt. 1, which sounds like what might happen if Bjork went hip hop and R&B.

"The second one is very emotional. During 1997 through 1999, there was a certain feeling I had; I was studying Kemetics. That's the feeling I have when I listen to the second part. It's a return of that feeling and time, and it reminds me of *Baduizm*."

### listen

» A taste of the new album due later this summer, a gooey love song called *Honey*, is out now.

### bruno

Cohen to release Borat followup

**FILM** Bruno, Sacha Baron Cohen's followup film to *Borat*, is set to be released May 15. The title character is an Austrian faux fashionista, from Cohen's former HBO series, *Da Ali G Show*.

### album sales

Lil Wayne cracks one million mark

**WEEK** Lil Wayne has become the first artist to sell one million copies of an album in a single week, with *Tha Carter III*, since 50 Cent in 2005. **REUTERS**

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Spike Lee, right, will co-write and direct *Time Traveler*, an adaptation of a memoir by Ronald Mallett, one of the first African-Americans to earn a PhD in theoretical physics, who had a lifelong obsession with inventing a time machine.

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# McKenzie bros going south?

**GET LOST, EH?** I suppose as a Canadian I should be used to this feeling, but there's something both triumphant and sad in the news that Bob and Doug McKenzie are heading to the small screen in cartoon form, with Fox their likely home in the U.S., according to a Canadian Press story.

Talking to CP from Los Angeles, where he was working on scripts for the show, Dave Thomas said that the show was initially green-lit by Global here in Canada, and that Fox expressed interest when they saw how eager the Canadian network was to get the show in production, and asked to see scripts and the pilot.

"We submit the pilot in



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early August," Thomas said, "and we'll hear after that. But I think they'll go for it—I think they like this show. Just to get them this close is good, and means we can probably get someone else interested if they're not."

According to Thomas, the show takes the iconic character created for SCTV with Rick Moranis and

puts them in a new, apparently updated setting.

"They are in a world that they weren't in before, and they have some friends who are a little raunchier than they are," he said.

While Thomas is clearly the instigator of the cartoon iteration of the McKenzies, Moranis is far less enthusiastic, as he "doesn't enjoy doing any showbiz stuff anymore ... I can't even guarantee his involvement long term in this, but whatever ... if I have to drag a sound-alike in for his voice, I'll do that. I don't think anyone would care because it's a new product."

I'm not sure I'd agree with that last bit, Dave, but we'll see, won't we?

Thomas is abundantly aware of the irony that a skit created as a joke to placate the grumbings of Canada's culture bureaucrats concerned about Canadian content on the show has turned into a nest egg of sorts, and an ongoing role for the comedians.

"I thought it was a bit of a nightmare back then, when I thought of myself as a young artist, but now that I think of myself as an old hack, I'm glad I have Bob and Doug," Thomas said.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

**Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas as SCTV's Bob and Doug McKenzie.**



## country theme

### Branch finishing 3rd solo album

**RELEASE** Michelle Branch is putting the final touches on her third solo album, which she said follows the country theme she started with the band, the Wreckers.

Branch will start performing tracks from the album, her first solo disc since 2003, this summer.

She's hoping to release the record before the end of this year.

## casting

### Robards pairs up with Zeta-Jones

#### FILM

Sam Robards is set to star with Catherine Zeta-Jones in *The Rebound*.



Robards

Robards will play ex-husband to Zeta-Jones character, who is shocked to discover his ex-wife is romantically involved with a younger man.

It's set for release in 2009.

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## critics' corner

### CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Try saying the title of this episode — "The Chick Chop Flick Shop" — three times fast. The CSIs investigate a horror film studio when an actress is killed. The suspects include her boyfriend (Chris Diamantopoulos) and the studio's owners (Matt Gerald, Will Sasso), one of whom is trying to frame the other. Rookie CSI Ronnie Lake (Jessica Lucas) finds herself in a real-life horror scenario when she finds another body at the scene. 9 PM on CFCN



### The Desperate Hours

Bogey ain't so nice in this one. Humphrey Bogart stars as convict Glenn Griffin, who escapes prison with brother Hal and bruiser Sam Kobish (Dewey Martin, Robert Middleton). They kidnap the Hilliard family and use its home as a hideout. The Hilliard patriarch (Fredric March) is just a regular businessman, but he's not about to let these thugs harm his wife and kids. Martha Scott, Richard Eyer and Mary Murphy co-star in this 1959 thriller. 4 PM on TCM

### Best Seller

Cleve (James Woods), a hired gun for a big business, approaches a policeman (Brian Dennehy) who is an author telling his story. When the cop reacts with skepticism to tales of corporate-sanctioned murder, Cleve takes him on a tour of the crime scenes. Paul Shenar and Victoria Tennant also star in this 1987 drama. 7 PM on BRAVO

## Celebrity Buzz



# Johnny keeps his promises

## New hat for 12-year-old:

Johnny Depp is a cat in the hat one 12-year-old will never forget, *People.com*

reports. Playing 1930's bank robber John

Dillinger —

American's Most

Wanted at the time

— for his upcoming

movie *Public Enemies*, Depp

was shooting

on location in

Wisconsin in

April when he was

observed on the set by local

boy Jack Taylor, who especially

admired Depp/Dillinger's

hat. In fact, the boy wanted the fedora, and asked the actor if he could have it. Depp, 45, said Taylor could, once the movie was finished. Last week, reports the *Oshkosh, Wis.,* newspaper the *Northwestern*, Depp made good on his promise. Taylor received the hat.

The leading man's rep also included gifts for Taylor's four siblings from Depp's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as well as a note from the star himself, telling Jack to enjoy what was sent. Now Taylor is at work on a thank-you note. His parents are helping.

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## people

### Tyler intimidated by Norton's bod

**THE INCREDIBLE HULK:** Liv Tyler dreaded shooting romantic scenes with her *The Hulk* co-star Ed Norton — because she felt the actor's lean physique put her own to shame, *imdb.com* reports. *The Fight Club* star toned up for his role as Bruce Banner, the scientist who transforms into the raging green monster. And Tyler, who plays Banner's girlfriend Betty, was so intimidated, she didn't want to be filmed standing next to him.

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## Rivers gets boot for cursing

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**APOLOGY:** Joan Rivers was thrown off a live TV show after branding Russell Crowe a "f\*\*\*ing s\*\*t" on Wednesday.

The comedienne was a guest on Britain's *Loose Women* when she lashed out at the Oscar-winning actor. Joan was asked to leave during the commercial break, according to *femalefirst.co.uk*.

Joan later claimed she hadn't realized the program was live and unable to bleep her comments.

"Yes, I swore, and I'm so f\*\*\*ing sorry. No one told me the TV show 'Loose Women' was a reality show and that I would be voted off," she said.

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## baby dream

**SECRET SHARED:** Paris Hilton has had a secret shared. Her man Benji Madden reportedly flapped his gums on a U.S. radio show, according to Sky News. He popped into Ryan Seacrest's radio show with brother Joel and said about his relationship with Paris: "I'm so beyond happy. Of course, when you're that

happy, you think about everything."

When asked if he worries about having kids, Benji

replied: "Not at all. I mean, she's my best friend."

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## Tabloids taught Ivanka Trump

**DIVORCE:** Ivanka Trump says that as kids, she and her brothers Donald Jr. and Eric learned the tawdry details of their parents' scandalous divorce by reading *The New York Post*, *Pagesix.com* reports. The gorgeous blonde tells next month's *Town & Country* they found out Donald was caught carrying on with model Marla Maples from this newspaper. "We'd come home from

school having read [about] them on the cover of *The Post*," she reveals.

The most jolting possibly being: "Marla Boasts to Pals about Donald: BEST SEX I EVER HAD."

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## Celebrity brief

**SEX SCENES:** Angelina Jolie was reluctant to film sex scenes with James McAvoy in *Wanted* — because she prefers filming romps with partner Brad Pitt. McAvoy described filming sex scenes with Jolie as "sweaty and uncomfortable." But Jolie is unfazed by the comments; she prefers to film sex scenes with her beau Pitt, "you know, in general."

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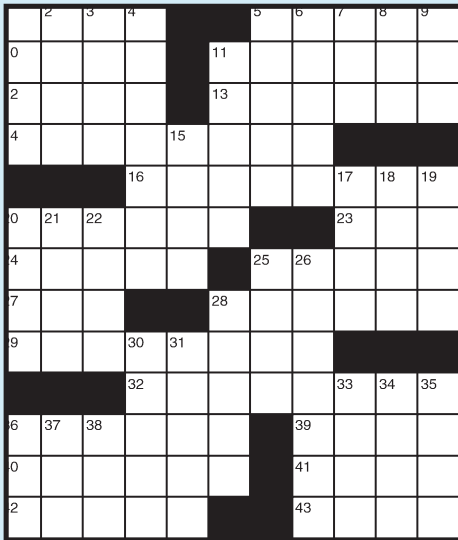
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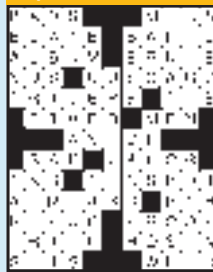
## down»

- 1 Put on the wall
- 2 Toast topper
- 3 Pageantry
- 4 Patsies
- 5 Rivera work
- 6 Bikini, for one
- 7 Down in the dumps
- 8 Binary digit
- 9 Beatty of film
- 11 Software test versions
- 15 Classify
- 17 Portent
- 18 Foot or fathom
- 19 A lot
- 20 Plumbing problem
- 21 Leander's love
- 22 Sunup spot
- 25 New Zealander
- 26 Pleasantly lazy
- 28 Succeed
- 30 Eyeballs
- 31 Right now
- 33 Meat-rating org.
- 34 Clarinet part
- 35 Periods
- 36 "—been swell!"
- 37 Rosemary's port-trayer
- 38 Print widths

## across»

- 1 Brewing need
- 5 Wall builder
- 10 Bunches
- 11 Lighter fuel
- 12 Movie fish
- 13 Wore away
- 14 Become furious
- 16 Put forth one's best effort
- 20 Bar-based sitcom
- 23 6, on the phone
- 24 Minimal amount
- 25 Designer Calvin
- 27 Hosp. parts
- 28 Super Bowl XXI winners
- 29 Celebrate
- 32 "How about that!"
- 36 Ferdinand's wife
- 39 Manipulative sort
- 40 Musical handicap
- 41 Concept
- 42 Fresh
- 43 June honorees

## previous answer



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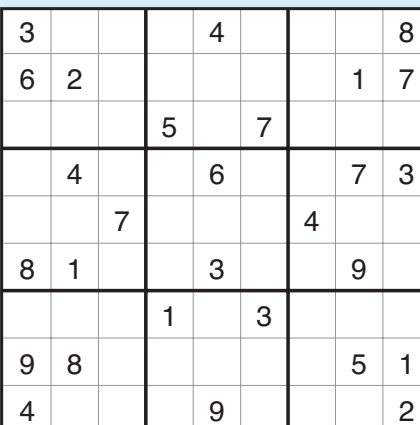
## STICK-GLERS

Here are some anagrams of well-known people, with hints in parentheses. Try your luck at deciphering their names.

- 1) Screen is a storm (director)
- 2) Knows the shaping (physicist)
- 3) Bar bet, isn't that of Fame baseball player)
- 4) Unsocial priest (American author)
- 5) Cool Egg Energy (American actor)

Wednesday's Answer

"There's a lot less serious looking and just smiling on the show like an actor." — Susan Wright



## instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

## solve time»

Under 13 minutes  
13-17 minutes  
17-21  
21-25  
More than 25  
Genius  
Scholar  
Smart  
Pretty good  
Keep practising

## previous answer

7	6	5	3	2	8	1	4	9
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6	9	4	7	1	2	3	8	5
2	3	8	9	5	6	4	7	1
3	1	6	4	8	5	2	9	7
8	5	7	2	3	9	6	1	4
4	2	9	1	6	7	8	5	3

## HOROSCOPE



**ARIES** | March 21-April 20

Be tactful with a problem-solving co-worker. A lover is concerned about conduct. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.



**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21

Know when to stop when you're being decadent. Keep an open mind. A parent needs pertinent information.



**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21

Have a reliable person edit your work. Pay attention when putting friends into vehicles. Your days of loneliness are over.



**CANCER** | June 22-July 22

A bossy person interferes when you do a dirty job. Someone's inadequacy can lead to a calamity. Therapeutic action will show results.



**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23

Someone in despair senses manipulation. Obsessing over trivialities raises eyebrows. A helper teaches you more than enough.



**VIRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Put a new investment strategy into effect. A bad situation causes remarks to flare. A kind woman tries to spare your feelings.



**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Sensitivity may cause artistic problems. Take a burden off a tired person's shoulders. A man wants something precious.



**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A sorry fool takes you on a flight of fancy. A friend has an ailment and needs help. Be cautious in word and deed.



**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Plan to get away from a loudmouth. Don't pitch a fit in public. Your creative flair battles with self-criticism.



**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Say goodbye to a good-for-nothing scoundrel. An admirer's adventure is gossiped about. An unpleasant reality can be dealt with.



**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A conscious choice must be made soon. You need to be alone to reflect on your feelings. Don't remind a man of his promise.



**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

An administrator quibbles about your skills. An associate has a thorny dilemma. You'll learn something interesting.

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## This Day IN HISTORY

**June 19, 1846:** The first baseball game under recognizable modern rules is played in Hoboken, N. J., United States.

**June 19, 1943:** Race riots occur in Beaumont, Texas.

**June 19, 1953:** 1953 - Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are put to death at Sing Sing, in New York.

**June 19, 1910:** The first Father's Day is celebrated in Spokane, Wash.

SOURCE: imdb.com

## Calgary weather



Partly cloudy.  
19°



Clear.  
Low 8°



Partly cloudy.  
22° / 10°



Mainly sunny.  
24° / 11°



Variable.  
22° / 9°



Temperature  
Normals  
High: 20.6°  
Low: 7°

Records  
High: 32.8°/1919  
Low: -1.1°/1902

Sunrise: 5:20 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:54 p.m.  
Moonset: 5:39 a.m.  
Moonrise: 11:15 p.m.

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